

CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER RELIEF*

Art. I. In General, §§ 8-1—8-22

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 8-1—8-22. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. SHELTERS

Sec. 8-23. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Civil defense shelter. The term “civil defense shelter” shall mean any structure which is designed to be used primarily for the purpose of providing protection to the occupants thereof from the effects of blasts, fire, heat and radiological fallout resulting from a disaster.

Disaster. The term “disaster” shall mean actual or threatened enemy attack, sabotage, extraordinary fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake or other similar public calamity.

Structure. The term “structure” shall mean anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on or in the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground.

Zoning ordinance. The term “zoning ordinance” shall have reference to Ordinance No. 360 of the City of Belmont, as said ordinance is amended, and all other ordinances hereafter enacted pertaining to zoning in the city. (Code 1961, § 7A.1)

Editor's note—The zoning ordinance referred to above is not set out in this volume, but copies are available and may be consulted in the city hall.

Sec. 8-24. Compliance required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, occupy, use, maintain, inhabit,

alter, enlarge or move any civil defense shelter within the city without first complying with the provisions of this article. Any civil defense shelter within the city constructed, occupied, used, maintained, inhabited, altered, enlarged, or moved, contrary to the provisions of this article shall be unlawful and a public nuisance subject to abatement, removal and enjoinder in the manner provided by law. (Code 1961, § 7A.2)

Sec. 8-25. Compliance with other ordinances.

All civil defense shelters shall fully comply with all requirements of the zoning ordinance, the building code and all other applicable ordinances of the city except as hereinafter specifically provided in this article. (Code 1961, § 7A.3)

Cross reference—Building regulations generally, Ch. 7.

Sec. 8-26. Building permit required.

No civil defense shelter shall be constructed or erected within the city without a valid building permit having been issued by the building official. (Code 1961, § 7A.4)

Sec. 8-27. Minimum standards.

The following provisions are hereby established as the minimum standards of all civil defense shelters to be constructed within the city:

- (a) A shelter shall satisfy all requirements of an accessory building and shall be subject to the restrictions pertaining to an accessory building under the zoning ordinance (with the exception of the requirement that an accessory building be at least ten (10) feet from any

*State law reference—Emergency services act, Gov. Code, § 8550 et seq.